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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG WA SF  
SUBJ: NAMIBIA: ZAMBIAN VIEWS ON CONTACT GROUP PROPOSALS

1. DURING CHARGE'S MEETING WITH MARK CHONA ON RHODESIA  
(SEPTEL), CHONA BROUGHT UP NAMIBIA. HE SAID HE WAS SURE  
THAT SWAPO WAS NOW PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE CONTACT GROUP  
PROPOSALS IF IT RECEIVED ASSURANCES ON WALVIS BAY.  
SUCH ASSURANCES SHOULD TAKE THE FORM OF A CATEGORIC  
STATEMENT THAT THE FIVE RECOGNIZE WALVIS BAY AS AN  
INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA. HE STRESSED THAT THERE COULD  
BE NO RESERVATIONS IN A STATEMENT BY THE FIVE. HE PUSHED  
TO ONE SIDE THE CHARGE'S COMMENT THAT SUCH A STATEMENT  
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MIGHT MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO GET SOUTH AFRICA'S AGREEMENT,  
ARGUING THAT SUCH A STATEMENT WOULD NOT BE ON BEHALF OF  
SWAPO RATHER, IT WOULD BE ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA.

2. CHONA SAID HE WAS SURE THAT SAM NUJOMA WAS PREPARED TO  
ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS. KAUNDA HAD TALKED TO HIM ON MONDAY  
AND HAD URGED HIM IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS TO ACCEPT THEM

AND TO STOP QUIBBLING AS LONG AS HE RECEIVED ASSURANCES ON WALVIS BAY. NUJOMA HAD AGREED. CHARGE SAID HE WISHED HE COULD BE AS CONVINCED AS CHONA SEEMED TO BE THAT SWAPO WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS. NUJOMA HAD SAID ONE THING TO ONE PERSON AND ANOTHER TO SOMEONE ELSE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS IN THE PAST. NOT THIS TIME, ARGUED CHONA. THE FIVE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS PLUS NIGERIA HAVE BEEN PUSHING NUJOMA TO ACCEPT.

3. CHONA ARGUED THAT THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE FIVE. A RESOLUTION WOULD COME OUT OF THE SESSION CONFIRMING THAT WALVIS BAY WAS AN INTERGAL PART OF NAMIBIA AND ALL THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO DO WOULD BE TO ENDORSE SUCH A RESOLUTION. AGAIN THE CHARGE DEMURRED, SUGGESTING THAT IT WAS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION WOULD PRODUCE SOMETHING HELPFUL.

4. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THAT THE ZAMBIANS ARE SERIOUSLY TRYING TO PRESSURE SWAPO INTO ACCEPTING THE PROPOSALS. CHONA REPEATED THREE TIMES THAT THEY WERE GOOD ONES. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY HAVE BOUGHT OFF ON SWAPO'S INSISTENCE ON A CATEGORIC STATEMENT ON WALVIS BAY. THERE WAS LITTLE DOUBT THAT CHONA SAW SWAPO'S POSITION ON THIS AS REASONABLE. IT WILL TAKE SOME DOING TO MOVE THE ZAMBIANS FROM THIS STANCE.  
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